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(ST. LOUIS) - Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3), a member of the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and a leading advocate for bringing high-speed rail to the Midwest, applauds a new federal grant investing over \$1 billion in new rail technology for Missouri and Illinois. Today's announcement is the result of months of cooperation between the Missouri and Illinois Congressional delegations as well as state officials, and represents a major investment in the short and long-term economic strength of the entire region.

The grants, which are part of the Recovery Act passed last year, will mean \$1.2 billion to build a high-speed rail line between St. Louis and Chicago, and \$31 million to make substantial improvements that will dramatically improve commuter service between St. Louis and Kansas City. This integrated rapid transit system will place St. Louis at the center of commerce and economic development for the entire Midwest region.

"Soon area workers will be put to work building high-speed infrastructure connecting the two great cities of St. Louis and Chicago and dramatically improving the rail system between St. Louis and Kansas City.

"This is big news for the St. Louis metropolitan area. By connecting Missouri's two largest economic engines to the rest of the Midwest with faster, more-efficient rail travel, we are making a down payment on the economic future of our region.

"This is just the first step. We must continue working to build a strong new economy for the St. Louis region, and establishing a broader high-speed network connecting our communities is a critical component of that goal."

- Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3)

Projects funded in Missouri and Illinois through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act follow.

Missouri - \$31,0

SELECTED - Small Corridors, Projects, and Planning

MO

Project - FD/Construction

Kansas City to St Louis Corridor-Rail Bridge over Osage River

Construction of a second rail bridge over the Osage river, which will improve service reliability.

\$ 31,000,000

MO

Project - FD/Construction

Kansas City to St Louis Corridor-Webster Universal Crossover

Construction of a universal crossover at the Kirkwood Junction on the UP Jefferson City Subdivision, w

MO

Project - FD/Construction

Kansas City to St Louis Corridor-Missouri Rail Crossing Safety Improvements

Upgrading 15 highway/rail crossings between Sedalia and Kansas City, MO, which will improve safety

MO

Project - PE/NEPA

Kansas City to St Louis Corridor-Double Track Lee's Summit to Pleasant Hill

Completion of preliminary engineering and environmental analysis for connecting existing sidings between

MO

Project - PE/NEPA

Kansas City to St Louis Corridor-Kingsville Passing Siding

Completion of preliminary engineering and environmental analysis for the construction of a two-mile siding

MO

Project - PE/NEPA

Kansas City to St Louis Corridor-Strasburg Grade Separation

Completion of preliminary engineering and environmental analysis for removal of a grade crossing and

MO

Project - PE/NEPA

Kansas City to St Louis Corridor-Knob Noster Passing Siding Extension

Completion of preliminary engineering and environmental analysis for extension of a siding on a 28 mil

MO

Project - PE/NEPA

Kansas City to St Louis Corridor-Bonnots Mill Universal Crossover

Completion of preliminary engineering and environmental analysis for a new universal crossover at Bon

MO

Project - PE/NEPA

Kansas City to St Louis Corridor-Hermann Universal Crossover

Completion of preliminary engineering and environmental analysis for a new universal crossover at He

Illinois - \$1,100,000,000 (large

SELECTED - Large Corridors

IL

Corridor Program

Dwight -St.Louis-2004 ROD Improvement

Construction of track, signal, station and rolling stock improvements to enable three of five current dai

\$ 1,100,000,000

SELECTED - Small Corridors, Projects, and Planning

IL

Planning

Chicago-St. Louis Double Track NEPA

Completion of a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to add a second track from Chica

\$ 1,250,000

IL

Project - FD/Construction

Englewood Flyover

Construction of a flyover and other associated investments to support three new grade separated trac

\$ 133,000,000

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